

WOOD CHIPS



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President's Corner

Greetings Woodworkers, Hope everyone is staying healthy despite the weather changes. But Spring is coming! Soon we will be able to be in our shops whenever we want. While we are waiting for this to occur I encourage you to try to make the Wood Show in Milwaukee on March 14,15,16. Kevin, our VP said it's a great show.

The February program is Shop Jigs. So if you have any special jigs that you have not shown to the membership bring them in and show us how the jig made woodworking easier for you!

Members have been picking up model cars and are working on them. There are more available. If you are interested contact Ron Benson.

The Duneland Woodcarvers Show is fast approaching. We have 2 tables that the club will be demonstrating scrolling and turning. We need volunteers. The dates are April 5& 6. Sat. 10-5pm, Sun 10-4pm. Set up is Friday, 4-8pm, at Woodland Park, 2100 Willowcreek Rd. Portage, IN <http://www.dunelandwoodcarvers.com> . If you want to have a table at the show there is information and applications online or see Marcie.

See you at the meeting!
Marcia Lichnerowicz
President

From the desk of the Vice President

I was very disappointed in finding out the Pen Turning class at Marc Adams School was booked up. But on the brighter side the Wood Show is coming up this March 14th through the 16th at the Wisconsin State Fair Park. If anyone is still interested in learning pen

turning skills Barry Gross will be giving demonstrations three times a day for the three days. This is where I picked up on C.A. glue finishes that Barry taught last year. Arizona Silhouette also has two booths with pen supplies.

Wisconsin State Fair Park
Exposition Center
8200 West Greenfield
West Allis, Wisconsin

Hotels near Wisconsin State Fair grounds:

1) Crowne Plaza Milwaukee-Wauwatosa (3 Star)

10499 Innovation Drive
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53226
[\(414\) 475-9500](tel:4144759500)

Rooms start at \$99/night to \$119 plus tax.

(I have stayed here the past 2 shows I attended. Rooms are clean and comfortable. Full restaurant and lounge.)

Indoor pool and exercise room.

2) Holiday Inn Express Milwaukee-West Medical Center (3.8 Star)

11111 West North Avenue
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53226
[\(414\) 778-0333](tel:4147780333)

Rooms start at \$90/night to \$108 plus tax.

Fitness Room.

3) Best Western Wood View (2.8 Star)

5501 West National Avenue
West Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53214
[\(414\) 671-6400](tel:4146716400)

Rooms start at \$77/night to \$95 plus tax (Internet Only Rate) Restaurant on-site,

Indoor pool, Complimentary breakfast, Sunbathing, sun deck, indoor whirlpool, Cocktail lounge.

4) Days Inn West Allis (2.5 Star)

1673 south 108th St.
West Allis, Wisconsin 53214
[\(414\) 778-2200](tel:4147782200)

Rooms start at \$55/night to \$65 plus tax.

Or \$51/night to \$56 plus tax (Internet Only Rate).

Please read reviews before booking

Room Availability is filling up for that weekend so book early!

The only hotel I have stayed at is the Crowne Plaza, have had good times there. Days Inn has some interesting reviews; don't know if I would stay there. I added it to show a selection.

Kevin Sturgeon

Condolences

Our condolences go out to member Bob Miller and his family. Bob's mother passed away on February 8th The funeral was Friday, February 14th in Wakarusa, IN.

SHOW AND TELL



Carrie McGinty



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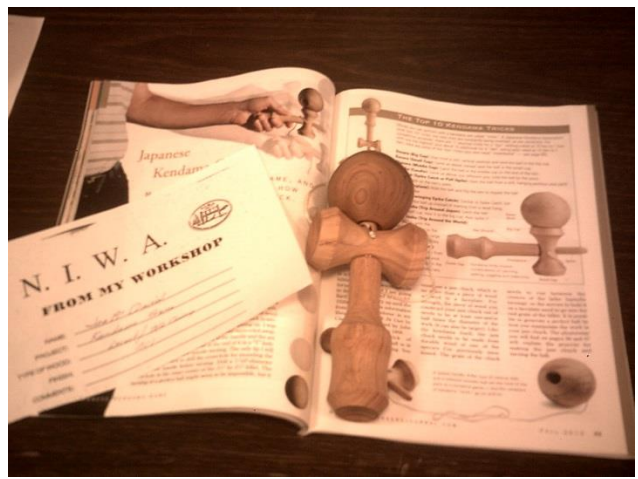
Steve Franic



Max Hernick



Ken Garbe



Joe McDaniel



Phil Malavolta



Kevin Sturgeon



Chuck Norman



Ron Benson



Ron Benson



Wally Richardson



Norm Johnson



Kevin Sturgeon



Rodney Foster

ITEMS FOR SALE

If you have any wood working related items that you wish to sell through the newsletter please contact John Hunter john.b.hunter@frontier.com Include a description and the price you are selling them for, also how you may be contacted.

If you are looking for a tool that another member would like to sell you can place a wanted ad in the newsletter, just contact John Hunter at john.b.hunter@frontier.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2014

February 27th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Shop Jigs
March 18th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
March 27th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
April 4th Setup Club Booth for Duneland Caver's Show
April 5th & 6th Club Booth at Duneland Caver's Show
April 7th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage,
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April 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
April 24th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM 2 x 4 Challenge
May 20th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
May 22nd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
June 17th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
June 26th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
July 7th Executive Board Meeting 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage,
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July 15th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
July 24th Membership Meeting at Hidden at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
July 31st Set Up Club Booth at Lake County Fair 9 PM
August 1st – 4th Club Booth at Lake County Fair 10 AM – 10 PM
August 19th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
August 28th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
August 31st Club Picnic at Hidden Lake Park 12 Noon
September 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
September 25th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
October 6th Executive Board Meeting at 7 PM at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage,
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October 21st Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM
October 23rd Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM
November 18th Committees Meeting at 7:00 PM
November 20th Membership Meeting at Hidden Lake 7:00 PM Toy Program
December 16th Committees Meeting at 2949 Willowcreek Rd, Portage 7:00 PM

Bob Flexner's Finishing Tips

<http://www.thefinishingstore.com/>

TIP: Shortcut for Color Confirmation

Stains lighten as they dry, so you often see instructions to apply a coat of finish to see the true color you will get at the end.

This isn't necessary. You don't have to let a stain dry and apply a coat or two of finish to see the color a stain will produce on the wood. There's a much quicker method.



Damp Stain

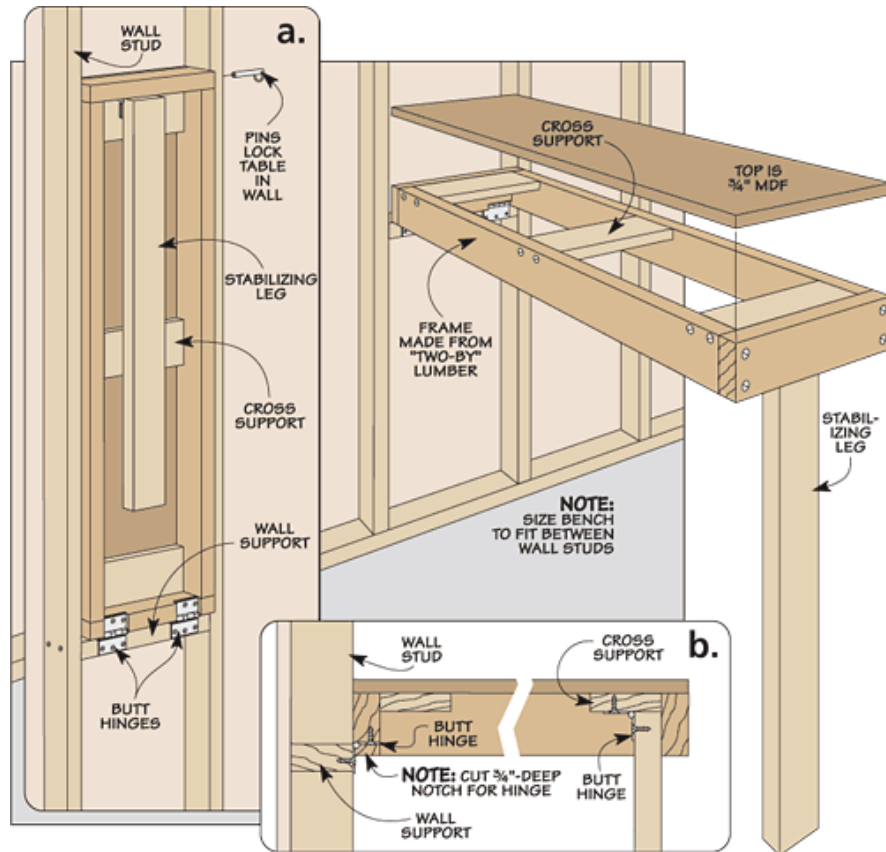
All you need to do is look at the color while the stain is still damp on the wood—that is, right after you have wiped off the excess. This is the color you will get, and it holds true for all types of stain. To be exact, however, you need to factor in the sheen of the finish you're going to use. For example, satin will dull the brightness of the color a little.

But the color produced by the still-damp stain will be correct.

Hide-Away Workbench

Workspace is at a premium in my small shop. So I built a workbench that folds down from the wall like an ironing board.

I made it sturdy enough to handle most tasks. But best of all, it folds away into the wall when I don't need it.



The workbench is easy to build. In the drawing above, you can see it's sized to fit into the space between two wall studs. The top is simply a piece of $\frac{3}{4}$ " MDF.

A 2×4 wall support between the studs provides an anchor point for the bench. And a pair of hinges fastens the bench to the wall support. This makes it easy to pull the bench down and store it away again.

A stabilizing leg, attached to the end of the workbench with a hinge, can be quickly lowered to support the bench. The leg folds out of the way when the bench is stored in the wall, as illustrated in detail 'a.'

Good Woodworking,

Phil Huber
Online Editor, *ShopNotes*